

NEWS OF THE DAY.

"To show the very age and body of the Lion."

A strong anti-Bonaparte feeling is now reported by "special dispatches," exists at Madrid in consequence of the discovery that Napoleon, before the war with Prussia, had promised to restore Isabella to the throne upon the cession to France of the Balearic Islands. Carlists are reported as swarming into Spain, which indicates the approach of formidable disturbances. It is further stated that important consultations have taken place between the Regent and Ministers, and a coup d'etat is daily looked for.

At Girardville Pa., yesterday, the ear or wagon used by miners in entering and leaving the coal mine in which they were employed, got off the track. Seven men were precipitated to the bottom of the mine, a distance of about one hundred yards. Six were killed outright, and one injured beyond recovery. Three of the unfortunate men were brothers, named Taylor, and the killed, with one exception, leave large families.

A large number of Irish hands have suddenly left Lancashire for Ireland, just at the beginning of the harvest. The circumstance has excited fears that mischief is again brewing in Ireland.

At a Radical meeting in Baltimore last night a letter was read from Judge Bond stating that he must hereafter be considered "out of the class of political speakers."

The Graeville National Union announces that ex-President Andrew Johnson will not be a candidate for Congress.

A National Convention of the instructors of the deaf and dumb is now in session at Indianapolis, Indiana.

Eight of the negroes who were prominent in the riot at Louisville Ga., have been arrested and lodged in jail at Macon.

A fight has occurred at Lisbon between the French and German citizens, in which many were killed.

Gypsies are reaping rich harvests from the credulity of the negroes in Southwest Georgia.

Another shocking case of hydrophobia is reported in the St. Louis papers, the fifth or sixth within a few weeks.

Prince Napoleon had a long interview with the Austrian Ambassador while at Florence.

Letter from Manassas.

[Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.]
MANASSAS, Aug. 29.—A meeting of the Conservative party of Manassas township was held here on Saturday last, for the purpose of nominating ten delegates to meet in Convention at Brestville next Monday (court day) to nominate candidates for county offices.

As there is considerable interest felt in the election of county clerk, the meeting was a very large one. It was held in front of the Methodist church. J. Thomas Leachman called the assembly to order, and in a few brief and pertinent remarks stated its object, and nominated Mr. F. A. Weedon as Chairman, and Dr. L. Alexander as Secretary, who were unanimously elected.

Mr. Weedon upon taking the Chair made a very neat and appropriate speech, and presided with a good deal of dignity.

M. A. Compton offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That this meeting proceed to the election of delegates by nominating and voting for them in open meeting, and no speaking be allowed until this business is concluded.

The contest for clerk is between C. Butler Cushing and his deputy, John H. Crawford; Lucian A. Davis and his deputy, E. Nelson. It is something new in the election of county officers in Alexandria to name the deputy before the election of clerk takes place, and the contest between the aspirants for these offices was conducted like we used to conduct the elections in days gone by in Alexandria for militia officers. It was something new to me and reminded me of the good old prosperous days of our beloved old Commonwealth. It is, however, a very fair way to conduct an election. The Chairman of the meeting announced that those who were in favor of Cushing and Butler should step out on the right in two ranks; those in favor of Davis and Nelson on the left. The Chair then appointed two gentlemen to count them. The friends of Cushing were evidently largely in the majority, and the following gentlemen were appointed as delegates from the Cushing party:—E. E. Connor, L. Alexander, O. A. Cannon, D. F. French, Jos. C. Brown, R. W. Hixon, R. H. Branner, B. D. Merchant, L. Hixon, and Charles Butler. Dr. L. Alexander was selected as the Chairman of the delegation, and a list to be furnished him as credentials of the meeting.

The same order was proceeded with in regard to the county treasurer. The contest was between W. W. Kincheloe and Jas. R. Purcell, and resulted in Kincheloe getting the majority. The meeting then adjourned. The meeting was one of the most orderly that we have attended for years, which speaks well for the morality of the people of Manassas—no drunkenness or disorder of any kind. Manassas is certainly improving, and it would be very well for some of the large cities to follow her example.

The Stonewall Base Ball Club of Manassas received a challenge this morning to play the Independent Base Ball Club of Alexandria on Thursday next, which they have accepted. It promises to be a very exciting and interesting game. The name of the Manassas club ought to be indicative of victory, and if they don't win, the name ought to be changed. I send you the above through the kindness of that obliging and accommodating conductor, Capt. Jno. Smith.

THE FATE OF HOLDEN.—It is strange to see how the Radical papers treat Holden since the defeat of his party and the exposure of his oppression of the unoffending citizens of North Carolina. He has been proved to be a bungler, a traitor, and an incubus upon his party, which he has injured far more than any other man in it. Among the papers of his party there are some found to do him reverence, from the New York Tribune, which accuses him of forging reports of outrages, to the smallest of twelve sheets—all are down upon him. Yet this melancholy fate does not deter the Governors of South Carolina, Florida, and Mississippi from playing the same game that Holden did. They are all organizing troops to trample and outrage their people with what result remains to be seen.—*Norfolk Jour.*

LAND SALES.—McCracken & Bro., sold on Saturday last, "Greenbank," containing 985 acres, five miles above Frederick'sburg, on the Stafford side, the property of Mr. Hugh Scott, to Hugh Ferguson, of Pennsylvania, for \$8,000—equivalent to cash. Mr. F. is the same gentleman that bought the Mass Neck estate recently for \$19,300, cash. The same Land Agency also sold 200 acres on the Plank Road, 18 miles above Frederick'sburg, the property of A. Nichols, to James A. Irons, of Pennsylvania, for \$1,000 cash.—*Fredericksburg Herald*

THE DICKENS FAMILY REUNITED.—A London correspondent of the Chicago Tribune speaks of the Dickenses: "A complete reconciliation has taken place between Mrs. Dickens and her sister—it seems too painful to add—and between Mrs. Dickens and her eldest daughter. A few days ago there was a meeting of the three; much shedding of tears and poignant feelings; but the end is as I have described. It would appear that it was the deceased alone who stood in the way. His death unites the children to the mother, and sister to sister.

The outbuildings and a large quantity of wheat on the Brick House farm, belonging to Gen. Cadwalader, below Edgewood, in Harford county, Md., were destroyed by fire on Wednesday night of last week. About 1,200 bushels of wheat, 1,000 bushels of oats, 200 bushels of old corn, and 100 tons of hay were destroyed. The loss on the buildings is estimated at \$20,000, on which there is an insurance of about \$15,000.

Mr. Thornton, who has been Minister Plenipotentiary from Queen Victoria to the United States since December, 1867, and was appointed Companion of the Bath in 1863, has been made K. C. B.—a distinction conferred upon several of his predecessors, viz: Sir Henry Bulwer, Sir John Crampton, Lord Lyons, and Sir Frederick Bruce. Henceforth, then, his proper designation is Sir Edward Thornton.

The Annual Fair of the Loudoun County Agricultural Society will be held at Leesburg, Va., on the 18th, 19th and 20th of October next. Liberal premiums are offered to exhibitors of horses, cattle, poultry, domestic manufactures, household fabrics, &c. &c., which are open to all competitors. Racking and trotting races will take place every day during the Fair for purses of from \$50 to \$150.

The doctrine which is to secure to minorities some right of representation and was particularly enunciated in a speech by Mr. Buckalew, while he was a Senator in Congress from Pennsylvania, is making progress. Illinois incorporated the principle into her new constitution, which was adopted at a recent election by a large majority, and other States are moving in the same direction.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Fredericksburg and Gordonsville Railroad Company, on the 26th instant, the resignation of Colonel C. M. Braxton, Chief Engineer, was accepted, and Mr. Wm. L. Slaughter, Principal Assistant Engineer, was unanimously elected to fill the vacancy, and has entered actively upon the discharge of his duties.

The Louisville Journal says:—We have so many Admirals and Vice Admirals in the U. S. navy that if we were to get into a foreign war we would have to put quite a fleet into commission in order to give these official superlatives something legitimate to do.

A writer in the Scientific American says that the poison of the poison oak will yield to no treatment, that he is aware of, will Iodide of Potash. He adds:—"In the very worst cases of poison oak it gives immediate relief, as I have witnessed and experienced."

We are sorry to receive every day accounts of the disastrous effects of the drought upon the corn crops, in many portions of the adjacent counties in this State. The wheat will not turn out as well as it was expected it would.

The Rev. Mr. Friend of Port Royal, Carolina county, Va., who died suddenly a few months ago, had his life insured for \$2,000, which sum has been paid.

Sara have made there appearance in the marshes around Tappahannock.

ONE OF STEPHEN GIRARD'S VESSELS.—There is at present lying at one of the ship yards in New Bedford, Conn., a vessel undergoing repairs, the history of which will prove interesting. She is a remarkable vessel. Built at Philadelphia in 1801 by the celebrated merchant, Stephen Girard, she was purchased about forty years ago by the late George Howland, of New Bedford, and has since been employed in the whale fishery. Some twenty-five years ago her live oak top was removed by the father of her present owners, George and Matthew Howland, and now they are putting new plank on her bottom, removing her original plank, which has stood the wear of nearly seventy years. The plank were fastened by three eighth inch wrought copper spikes, and these, between wind and water, were worn some times to a mere thread; the wood had decayed about the treenail holes, and in some cases the seams had become somewhat hollow. But the white oak timbers beneath are as sound as the day the frame was set up, and put together in a manner which excited the admiration of the best shipwrights. The joints are all perfect, the floor timbers moulded some twenty inches deep, and the timbers lap much more than in modern built vessels, giving her much greater strength. The model of the Rousseau might be improved, but save in this regard, she is equal, and in many respects superior, to most vessels now constructed.

[In former days the Rousseau was loaded of ten at, and sailed from this port.]

THEY EXPECTED TO COME.—The knowledge possessed by the Prussian staff officers of the French districts entered by their invading army is very remarkable. They know where every village lies. They can tell at once the amount of stabling it has, and whether there is a large church or schoolhouse in which men or horses can be quartered. From these facts it is evident that Prussia had not only counted upon this war and prepared her armies and allies for it, but had thoroughly canvassed the roads of France from the Rhine to Paris beforehand, and had noted down a vast amount of useful information to an invading army. Hence the precision and success of the advance of the German columns from point to point. They know the roads and the distances from point to point, the fortified places en route, the mountain passes, river crossings, &c., and the places where subsistence for men and horses may be obtained. The Prussians were thus prepared for the march to Paris when Napoleon moved forward McMahons to the Rhine for his march to Berlin. The tables have been turned in the matter of prompt action since the days of the "Little Corporal." N. Y. Herald.

AN IMPORTANT DECISION.—The Supreme Court of Georgia, a few days ago, announced a decision virtually annulling the suspension of the Statute of Limitations made between 1861 and 1865. We understand that the effect of the decision is to bar all notes due on or before the 31st of October, 1865; also, all accounts due two years later. The court only recognizes a suspension of one year made just before the war, considering suspensions made during the war as war measures, and holding them to be void. The ordinance of the convention of 1865 was held not to retroact so as to give validity to former suspensions. As the statute bars notes overdue for six years, and as the suspension of one year (1860) was held to be legal, the effect of the decision is to bar recovery on notes becoming due seven years ago to 31st October, 1865.—*Savannah Republican* 6th.

Omaha, one of the cities born of the Pacific Railroad, and which for a time increased in population and business at a rapid rate, has already suffered a relapse. Business there, according to a local paper, is unusually dull—so much so, in fact, that the City Council is offering bonuses to manufacturers to establish themselves in the place.



ALEXANDRIA, VA.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 30, 1870.

THE EUROPEAN WAR NEWS.—Dispatches from Luxembourg and London state that a great battle took place on Sunday between the armies of Marshal McMahon and the Crown Prince. The Luxembourg dispatch assigns the victory to McMahon, while that from London states that the battle was still progressing and was undecided. A Brussels dispatch expresses the opinion that the Prussians are making a flank movement on McMahon, as they did on Bazaine; that they have changed the direction of their march to Paris, and instead of going west they are going north, the intention being to form a junction with the Prussian force advancing from Lunville, the united armies to fall upon McMahon, destroy his army, and then march on Paris. Sixty thousand troops from Paris are reported to have passed Soissons on their way to join McMahon. They are described as being full of spirit and confidence. A telegram from London says that the Emperor's headquarters are at Vouziers, and that the French advance had repulsed the Prussians at Attigny, a few miles north west of Vouziers.

The Richmond State Journal has an editorial addressed to colored Republicans, warning them of the consequences of their extreme course, and telling them that they will band the white men of the State against them; in which event they will inevitably, in a party sense, be driven to the wall. It can see no other issue than a white man's party, that will be dominant in Virginia, if the prescriptive course of these colored people under the guidance of such men as Porter, shall be persisted in. It is rather late for the Journal to be indulging in this strain. It should have denounced this policy when the first efforts were made to band the blacks in loyal leagues to prejudice their minds against the white people of the State. But, better late than never.

The tournament and fair for the benefit of Fletcher's Chapel, King George county, which came off at that Church, last Thursday, was a most pleasant affair, and a complete success in every respect. The riding was excellent. Dr. James H. Ball delivered the coronation address. The first successful knight, Mr. Thomas Ball crowned Miss Ellen C. Jones, Queen of Love and Beauty. The First Maid of Honor, Miss Lucy Lusk, crowned by Mr. Bedell Chancelor; Second Maid of Honor, Miss Josephine Chinn, crowned by Mr. Thos. Green; Third Maid of Honor, Miss Nannie Brown, crowned by Mr. E. T. Rolins; Fourth Maid of Honor, Miss Jennifer Jones, crowned by Mr. Thomas Bowie. A sumptuous dinner was served on the occasion.

Middleburg, Loudoun county, Va., is, we are glad to learn, thriving and increasing. It is one of the most pleasant and agreeable villages in the State, and has a population in point of intelligence, hospitality and excellence second to none in the State. A letter in the Richmond Dispatch says:—"Property in Middleburg is in great demand and brings capital prices. Indeed, there seems to be a decided stir upon the subject, and the village, linked as it is by a first rate turnpike of eight miles to the railroad, and situated in the heart of a rich and beautiful country, must grow. I can only say fortunate is the man who finds a home in Middleburg."

A Mr. Bessemer proposes to test his plan for the prevention of sea-sickness that source of people of nomadic tendencies. His plan is to have a chamber, on the steamers, suspended on the same principle as the compass. Then the vessel may roll, and pitch, and toss to its hearts content; but the room still maintains its level, and the passengers will be unaware that anything unusual is taking place. We hope that the invention will succeed, since slings, bandages, champagne, brandy, and every other device and deception known to science or to medicine have failed.

The manager of the Theatre in Washington gives notice that:—"The upper boxes on the east side will be fitted up handsomely for the use of the President and family, and the partition will be so arranged that it can be taken out and the two boxes thrown into one. The space in the rear of the boxes will be converted into a smoking room, with a lounge, chairs, &c., where the President can retire during the performance, or between the acts, at his pleasure, either to smoke or talk over affairs of State!" This is the latest move!

The Conservatives of Orange county have appointed Delegates to a District Convention for the nomination of a candidate for Congress, recommending that it be held at Warrenton, or at such point as a majority of the county shall designate: They have also called a County Convention to nominate candidates for county offices, to be held at Orange C. H. on the 4th Monday in September. The delegates to be chosen in the respective townships on the 3rd Saturday in September.

It is stated that in consequence of the great amount of warrants drawn on the Treasury Department during the present month on account of the quarterly pensions, it is likely the forthcoming debt statement will not show as large a decrease in the Public debt as the previous month, by at least five millions. The annual pension roll amounts to about thirty-two millions, and the payments are now made every quarter.

The name of Gen. Daniel Ruggles is to be brought before the Conservative Congressional Convention of this District, as a candidate for Congress.

It is rumored that the French Ambassadors at neutral Courts have asked for the interposition of the Great Powers to guarantee French dynasty.

The Tappahannock Gazette says not over half a corn crop will be made in Essex and adjoining counties.

DIED.

At his residence, in Stafford county, on Saturday, the 27th of August, 1870, FRANCIS J. ELLIS, after a long and painful disease of several months, which he bore with great fortitude and patience, died at the residence of his son, Mr. J. E. Ellis, at 11:30.

On the 28th instant, at her residence, in Spotsylvania, in full hope of a glorious immortality, Mrs. ANN SLIMS, in the 70th year of her age.

The name of ELLIS M. BRAXTON is brought before the people of the Seventh Congressional District not in connection to a seat in Congress. Abounding in men, any one of whom would honor the pristine fame of Virginia in the council chambers at Washington, doubtless many competitors for the nomination will be before the Convention. It seems to one who is familiar with the history of Mr. Braxton, that the son of a great and distinguished statesman, and the part which he himself has borne in the Legislature and the war of our State, at this time, a lineal descendant of a signer of that declaration which announced to the world the determination of the colonies to be free, the son of a great and distinguished statesman, and the part which he himself has borne in the Legislature and the war of our State, at this time, a lineal descendant of a signer of that declaration which announced to the world the determination of the colonies to be free, the son of a great and distinguished statesman, and the part which he himself has borne in the Legislature and the war of our State, at this time, a lineal descendant of a signer of that declaration which announced to the world the determination of the colonies to be free, the son of a great and distinguished statesman, and the part which he himself has borne in the Legislature 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